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# News Release

## **HPD Investigates Malicious Wounding**

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On Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 12:20 AM, officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department responded to the area of 891 Port Republic for a report of a disorderly conduct. Once on scene, officers found a male who had been beaten and was lying unconscious in the breezeway of the apartment complex. The victim was transported to RMH and was treated for facial injuries.

While on the scene investigating the assault, officers arrested a 22-year-old male, identified as Raymond Eugene Hamilton III of Harrisonburg, for a felony offense of possession of a firearm after being a convicted felon. It has not yet been determined if Hamilton is linked to the assault.

Lt. Chris Rush, Division Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division, encourages anyone who has information on the identity of the suspects in this case to contact the Harrisonburg Police Department.

The Harrisonburg Police Department has responded to and investigated similar incidents, to include but not limited to; assault, robbery, and firearm related incidents over the past several weeks in this vicinity. The Harrisonburg Police Department is encouraging anyone in the community that has information about this past weekend's assault or any of the crimes that have occurred in the recent weeks in the Port Republic Road area to contact the Harrisonburg Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division at 540-437-2640.

Anyone with additional information, who wishes to remain anonymous, is asked to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text “HPD” plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).